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1. IN CONNECTION WITH QUERIES SET FORTH REFTEL SCICOUNS HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM JORGE VELASCO OCAMPO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COORDINATION, UNDER-SECRETARIAT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SMA) DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1975, WHICH STATES (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): "IN CONNECTION WITH INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE WORK AGREED UPON IN THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS OF MEXICO-US HELD IN DECEMBER 1973, I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ADVISING YOU THAT WE CONSIDER IT VERY OPPORTUNE FOR THESE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE SECOND BINATIONAL BORDER SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE MARCH 13-14 NEXT IN NUEVO LAREDO."

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOM INTERESTED IN ALL MAJOR BORDER TWIN CITY AREAS NOT JUST EL PASO-CIUDAD JUAREZ, SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA AND LAREDO-NUEVO LAREDO, AND THAT CHOICE OF AREA FOR CONCENTRATION WOULD DEPEND ON VARIOUS FACTORS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD BE BROUGHT OUT IN JOINT DISCUSSION.

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3. MEETING COORDINATOR GREGOIRIO MARTINEZ ASSURED

SCICOUNS FEBRUARY 26 THAT PREPS FOR MEETING GOING WELL, THAT UNDERSECRETARY VZCAINO MURRAY WILL ATTEND, THAT LATTER PLEASED HAVE ASSURANCES FITZHUGH GREEN PRESENCE, THAT GOVERNOR OF TAMULIPAS STATE AND REPRESENTATIVE (ATTORNEY GENERAL) OF GOVERNOR OF TEXAS WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

4. APPARENTLY SMA MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH FONSEC IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING BECAUSE MARTINEZ FURTHER ADVISED THAT FONSEC RECOMMENDED THAT PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM CONCERNED WITH TREATMENT OF EFFLUENT FROM REYNOSA REFINERY BE ELIMINATED, SAYING THIS COMPLICATED MATTER MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEM AT MEETING.

5. MARTINEZ MADE POINT THAT SINCE GOM REPRESENTATION PRINCIPALLY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, THEY NOW ENDEAVORING OBTAIN BETTER UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION, MORE COMMENTARY WITH US UNIVERSITY INTEREST/PARTICIPATION. GOM DELEGATION STAYING AT MOTEL HACIENDA.

6. SCICOUNS PLANS ATTEND, AS IN CASE OF FIRST SYMPOSIUM, PURSUANT INSISTENT INVITATION OF UNDERSECRETARY.

7. DEPARTMENT NOTE THAT REFTTEL REFERS TO MEETING DATES AS 3/14-15. CORRECT DATES ARE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 3/13-14. JOVA

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